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The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by a Guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Dever, pastor of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, DC.

### PRAYER

The guest chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Mark E. Dever, pastor of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

O God of all truth, we begin this day asking for Your help, for those working in this place, for all those in authority in this Capital City, and around this Nation. We come to You out of habit and custom, O Lord, yes, but we—every one of us who come in sincerity—we come to You also out of a sense of our need, and of Your plenty. We confess, Lord, that too often we find in ourselves the darkness of ignorance, the sickness of greed, the loneliness of pride. O Lord, for Your glory, and because we acknowledge that we cannot do it without Your aid, take from us our darkness, our sickness, our loneliness. Replace our pride with Your divine humility. Replace our greed with Your giving. Replace our ignorance with Your truth, we pray.

In this place where so many would seek to bind wills and votes in their knowledge of a part of the truth, we pray that You would, in Your mercy, supply those gathered for business here today with all the truth they need to do the work You have committed into their hands. Teach them how, we pray, in the frustrations of committees and compromises, in the honest uncertainties of ever-changing challenges, teach them how to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity, and to help to extend those freedoms around Your world.

Give us, as a nation, we pray, the freedom that comes through Your truth, and use even our actions here this day to that end for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished Senator from Oregon from the leader time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from the State of Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] is recognized.

### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND MARK DEVER

Mr. HATFIELD. I thank the acting majority leader.

Mr. President, I want to use this occasion to give a statement of appreciation to the Reverend Mark Dever, who has opened the Senate today with prayer and will do so each day this week, as our Chaplain Halverson is on a week's vacation.

Mr. President, Reverend Dever is one of the younger breed of ministers that has blessed our spiritual world in providing not only leadership in the pulpit, but he also has an extraordinary educational background, a Ph.D. from Cambridge, and has recently come to the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, which is the church of my membership, to take over as pastor. It is an old church here in the city and one which has, like many cities, found an older population and is in the process of rebuilding that church with younger people. He has already attracted the interest of many people because of his extraordinary, expository preaching.

So I am happy and proud to be able to ask him, on behalf of the majority leader, to fill this role here in the Senate each day for this coming week.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Following the time for the two leaders, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business not to exceed 90 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak for not more than 10 minutes each. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2, the congressional coverage bill. Under the consent agreement reached on Friday, there is a limited list of amendments in order to the bill, and all amendments must be disposed of by the close of business Tuesday, with the exception of an amendment to be offered by the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN].

Mr. President, there will be no roll-call votes during today's session of the Senate.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, under a prior agreement, I now reserve the leader time remaining on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. COCHRAN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Mississippi is recognized.

### ATTRACTING GOOD TEACHERS TO OUR CLASSROOMS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, this past Saturday I read in the New York Times an interesting editorial dealing with the challenge of attracting good teachers into the Nation's classrooms, and the importance of having well-qualified, well-trained, and excellent teachers.

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